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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) Takeshi OGINO et al. Attorney Docket No. 37808-0006

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Title: MOISTURE-ABSORBENT/RELEASABLE HEAT-GENERATING
INTERMEDIATE MATERIAL, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME
AND MOISTURE-ABSORBENT/RELEASABLE HEAT-GENERATING
HEAT-RETAINING ARTICLE

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER
37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to an office action mailed January 16, 2004. This response is within the three month shortened statutory period for reply. However, the Director is authorized to debit any underpayments to firm deposit account No. 08-1641. Entry of a declaration, supporting evidence and arguments in response to the office action courteously are solicited. Reconsideration is requested.